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WEEKLY SUMMARY

CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE

Activities of interest this week include:

House

- Scheduled and anticipated subcommittee and full committee mark ups for several FY 2005 appropriations bills (Interior and Related Agencies; Defense; Homeland Security; Energy and Water Development; Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration)

Senate

- Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing on oil and gas demand and the impact on pricing.

FY 2005 BUDGET RESOLUTION FY 2005 APPROPRIATIONS

Last week, the House Committee on Appropriations under the leadership of Chairman Bill Young (R/FL) released tentative 302 (b) allocations for the 13 FY 2005 appropriations bills. The full committee is expected to vote to approve the allocations on Wednesday, June 9.

Using the discretionary funding cap of \$821 billion established by the House-passed *FY 2005 Budget Resolution*, 10 bills include funding for Federal construction and renovation projects. The \$821 funding level represents a \$35 billion increase over actual funding for FY 2004. The President requested \$819.4 billion for FY 2005. Provided below is a listing of the total FY 2005 allocations for the 10 bills.

- **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies** \$16,772 billion (\$16,569 billion requested)
- **Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary** \$39,792 billion (\$39,553 billion requested)
- **Defense** \$392,135 billion (\$392,585 billion requested)
- **Energy and Water Development** \$27,988 billion (\$27,938 billion requested)
- **Homeland Security** \$30,796 billion (\$31,104 billion requested)
- **Interior and Related Agencies** \$19,726 billion (\$19,982 billion requested)
- **Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education** \$142,317 billion (\$142,050 billion requested)
- **Military Construction** \$10,003 billion (\$9,553 billion requested)
- **Transportation and Treasury** \$ 25,439 billion (\$25.714 billion requested)

- **Veterans' Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies (includes Environmental Protection Agency)** \$92,930 billion (\$92,129 billion requested)

In releasing the FY 2005 funding allocations, Chairman Young said:

The non-defense allocations in an already tight budget are even tighter. We are fully funding our national security requirements while providing some additional resources to bolster our homeland security. The austere funding levels for the remaining subcommittees will make it challenging to move bills through the legislative process.

The Senate has not yet acted on FY 2005 appropriations bills although members are expected to act first on appropriations for Military Construction and Homeland Security. Meanwhile, the Senate is still working on crafting a final budget resolution agreement providing \$821 billion in discretionary spending.

COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION

The House Republican Leadership is expected to roll out its “energy week” initiative this week with debates on a number of recently introduced energy bills along with speeches on the House floor. Targeting the Senate for failing to approve the conference report for *H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2003*, House Republicans hope to revive efforts to pass comprehensive energy legislation this year by prompting the Senate to approve the House version, which includes a number of controversial provisions. To move the process along, the Republican Leadership last week introduced a new energy bill - *H.R. 4503*, which mirrors the *H.R. 6* conference report. The full House is expected to begin consideration of the bill on June 8 and complete votes on the bill’s provisions by June 10. If the Senate passes its version of energy authorization/policy provisions (*S. 2095*) and the House passes *H.R. 4503* this week, the two chambers could go to conference on a new energy bill. To round out energy week, the House is also expected to take up separate, recently introduced bills dealing with solar and wind siting, energy research and development, among other topics (*H.R. 4503* and the stand-alone bills are not yet in print).

Since passage of the Senate’s energy tax incentive package, the House Committee on Ways and Means has been considering whether or not to include energy-related tax incentives in the House version of Foreign Corporate Tax bill, a “must pass” bill during this Congressional year. The committee is scheduled to mark up the corporate tax bill later this week, but it is unclear if any energy incentive provisions will be included. The Senate has already attached and approved energy incentives to its version of the corporate tax bill.

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COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

Legislation

FY 2005 Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies Last week, the subcommittee marked up a \$19.7 billion FY 2005 appropriations bill, which funds primarily the Departments of Energy (including energy efficiency programs), Interior and the Smithsonian Institution. Few details have been provided since the House does not number or release appropriations bills until bills are marked up by the full Committee on Appropriations.

However, the subcommittee has revealed the following details:

Department of Interior, National Park Service

- Restriction on Construction Projects In response to over 100 proposed “partnership” projects not approved by Congress; the bill establishes a temporary moratorium on any projects costing over \$5 million.
- Backlog Maintenance \$471 million

Department of Energy

- Building Technologies \$64.2 million
- Distributed Generation \$62.4 million
- Industrial Technologies \$84.9 million
- Distributed Generation Research Reduced FutureGen funding by \$51 million and applied these funds as an increase to the Administration’s request for program

The full committee is scheduled to mark up the bill on June 9. This week, the committee is also expected to discuss the 302(b) funding allocations for each of the 13 annual appropriations bills.

Summary of Hearings

No new information of interest to report.

SENATE

Legislation

No new information of interest to report.

Summary of Hearings

No new information of interest to report.

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STATUS OF FY 2005 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(In Millions)

HOUSE

SENATE

Jurisdiction/ FY 2004 Budget Request	302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level (Billions)	Bill No.	Full Cmte. Mark Up	Floor Vote	Vote on Conf Rpt.	302(b) Allocations/ Approved Funding Level (Billions)	Bill No	Full Cmte. Mark Up	Floor Vote	Vote on Conf. Rpt.
Agriculture	\$16.78	H.R. 4422								
Commerce	\$39.78									
Defense	\$392.14		Week of 6/7							
Energy and Water Development	\$27.99									
Homeland Security	\$30.8		Week of 6/7							
Interior	\$19.73		Week of 6/7							
Labor / HHS	\$142.05									
Military Construction	\$9.553	H.R. 4424								
Transportation and Treasury	\$25.714									
VA/HUD	\$92.129	H.R. 4423 (VA) H.R. 4421 (EPA)								

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NEW LEGISLATION

(Note: Once a new bill is introduced, the Government Printing Office generally requires from several days to one week to make the bill available in print)

HOUSE

H.R. 4503 – Energy Policy Act of 2004 – Duplicates the conference report for H.R. 6 – Energy Policy Act of 2003.

SENATE

No new bills of interest have been introduced.

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ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

No new announcements or initiatives of interest to report.

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HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/ Location
<i>June 9</i> Committee on Appropriations <i>(NEW)</i>	Bill Young (R/FL)	<i>Mark Up</i> <i>H.R. 108-___ FY 2005 Appropriations for Interior and Related Agencies and consider 302(b) allocations for the 13 appropriations subcommittees</i>	N/A	10:00 a.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building
<i>June 10</i> Committee on Appropriations <i>(NEW)</i>	Bill Young (R/FL)	<i>Mark Up</i> <i>FY 2005 Appropriations for Defense</i>	N/A	TBA

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/ Location
Week of June 7 Committee on Appropriations (NEW)	Bill Young (R/FL)	Mark Up <i>H.R. 108-____ FY 2005 Appropriations for Homeland Security</i>	N/A	TBA
Week of June 7 Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development (NEW)	David Hobson (R/OH)	Mark Up <i>FY 2005 Appropriations for Energy and Water Development</i>	N/A	TBA
Week of June 7 Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration (NEW)	Henry Bonilla (R/TX)	Mark Up <i>FY 2005 Appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration</i>	N/A	TBA

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

No new hearings, mark ups, or votes to report.

SENATE – COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

No new hearings, mark ups, or votes to report.

SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/ Location
June 10 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (NEW)	Pete Domenici (R/NM)	Hearing Examination of crude oil supply, gasoline demands, and effects on prices	Guy Garuso, Administrator of the Energy Information Administration and industry officials	10:00 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS AND FLOOR VOTES

No activities of interest have been scheduled.

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